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DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

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PUBLIC NOTICE OF PROPOSED ACTION

The Administrator, Division of Environmental Protection, Carson City, Nevada is issuing the following notice of proposed action under the Nevada Revised Statutes and the Federal Clean Water Act. The Administrator has received an application for renewal of National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit # NV0022977 from the following applicant:

Waste Management Inc.
(Formerly Refuse Inc.)
100 Vassar Street
Reno, NV 89512

Waste Management Inc. operates Reno Transfer Station (formerly known as the Sage Street Transfer Station), located at 1390 East Commercial Row, on the north bank of the Truckee River, in Reno, Nevada. The Reno Transfer Station is a solid waste transfer facility with municipal recycling and onsite vehicle maintenance. The facility is equipped with groundwater interception trenches for dewatering of the site during periods of high groundwater levels. Intercepted water is pumped to the Truckee River. Stormwater that falls on the parking lots at the facility is collected in a drain system, and is routed to a system of seven oil/water separators, which discharge treated water to groundwater through a leach field. Stormwater in excess of a typical storm event (1/4 to 1/3 inch of rain) is pumped to the Truckee River. The dewatering system and the excess stormwater system have not discharged during the term of the current permit. Based on a review of the NPDES permit application, the Division has made the tentative determination to renew the NPDES permit for a period of five (5) years.

Persons wishing to comment upon or object to the proposed determinations by the Administrator regarding permit issuance, or request a hearing pursuant to the Nevada Administrative Code, Water Pollution Control, should submit their comments or request, in writing, within thirty (30) days of the date of newspaper publication, hand-delivered or postmarked no later than 5:00 P.M. on December 19, 2005, either in person or by mail to:

This Notice is for electronic distribution

Division of Environmental Protection
Bureau of Water Pollution Control
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Comments and/or hearing requests received via facsimile or e-mail before 5:00 P.M. December 19, 2005 will also be accepted. All requests for hearings must indicate the interest of the person filing the request and the reason(s) why a hearing is warranted. All comments or objections received within the thirty (30) day comment period will be considered in the formulation of final determinations regarding the application. If written comments indicate a significant degree of public interest in the proposed permit, the Administrator shall hold a public hearing. The public notice of such hearings will be issued not less than thirty (30) days prior to the public hearing date.

If no hearing is held and the determinations of the Administrator are substantially changed from the tentative determinations, the Administrator will give public notice of the revised determinations. Additional comments and objections will be considered at that time.

The application, proposed permit, comments received, and other information are on file and may be copied or copies may be obtained by writing to the above address or by contacting Janine Hartley, Bureau of Water Pollution Control at (775) 687-9458, or at jhartley@ndep.nv.gov. The office facsimile number is (775) 687-4684. This notice and the Fact Sheet for this facility are also available on the NDEP website at www.ndep.nv.gov/admin/public.htm.

Please bring the foregoing notice to the attention of all persons who may be interested in this matter.